(b) if so, the details of such Sports Academy; and

(c) the amount earmarked for development of sports related activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India has introduced a Scheme of State Sports Academy for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. The main objective of the Scheme is to select the best available talent in sports between the age group of 10-13 years, as well as, the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years and to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level.

The Scheme envisages joint funding by the Central Government, State Govemment/UT Administration and a Sponsor as a co-operative venture. The financial assistance to the Academy in respect of capital, non-recurring costs with an upper cap of Rs. 8.30 crore will be shared between the Sponsor, the Central Government and the State Government in the ratio of 51:25:24. In addition, recurring cost upto Rs. 17 lakh per annum or 25% of actual expenditure, which ever is less, shall be payable for a period of three years by the Government of India.

(c) The amount allocated for this Scheme in the Budget Estimate (B.E.) for 2005-06 is Rs. 5.00 Crore.

Construction of a **Youth Hostel in Lucknow**

†1259. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Government for the construction of a Youth Hostel on Barha Road, Anand Nagar, near National Park in Lucknow;

(b) whether it is a fact that the construction of the said building has been completed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company constructing the said hostel has sought additional amount from Government;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a request has been made for inspection of the said building by Central Public Works Department; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government for speedy disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has released Rs. 90.51 lakhs for the construction of a Youth Hostel in Lucknow.

(b) The construction work of the building is nearing completion.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) An inspection has been conducted by Assistant Engineer of the Ministry. The State Government/Uttar Pradesh Rajkiya Nirman Nigam Ltd. have been advised to submit the requisite document for considering their request for release of additional funds.

The steps taken by Government for speedy disposal of cases include periodical review of pending projects, inspection of hostels etc. The Chief Secretaries of various concerned were also requested during February, 2005 to advise the concerned authorities to expedite construction of on-going hostel projects.

Sports infrastructure in **UP**

1260. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: -

(a) the cities and villages of Uttar Pradesh where sports infrastructure have been developed during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for development of sports infrastructure in the various districts of Uttar Pradesh during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The details of assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh for creation of various sports facilities during the last three years under the Scheme of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure" have been given in the enclosed Statement. (See below) In addition, the Ministry had provided central assistance to schools in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh under the Scheme of "Grants to Rural Schools for purchase of